

(b) whether the loss sustained by Government thereby was made good during the time of Dewan Mr. V. P. Madhava Rao?

Mr. K. George (*Land Revenue and Income-Tax Commissioner*): (a) Yes.

(b) A tax at the rate of Rs. 4000 per annum for the first 15 years and at Rs. 5,000 for the next 15 years was fixed. The agreement regarding the same was executed after Mr. V. P. Madhava Rao left the service of the State.

Financial position of persons appointed in the State Service.

35. ***Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they take into consideration the financial embarrassments of a person before he is appointed in any responsible place either in the Judicial Department or in any other department of the State?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevaniratha Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Yes, so far as is practicable.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether at any time any person has been refused appointment on the ground of financial embarrassment?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevaniratha Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: I am not aware of any such instance.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether the financial embarrassment of an applicant will be taken into consideration before he is appointed in a place?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevaniratha Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Yes, as far as possible.

Road by the side of the Malankara Rubber Estate.

36. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a village road from the front side of the Karikode temple, Thodupuzha via Malankara Rubber Estate to the Todupuzha-Arakulam road;

(b) whether the portion of this village road from Karikode to the residence of the Superintendent of the Malankara Rubber Estate has not been converted into a public road;

(c) whether maintenance is being sanctioned for the remaining portion of the village road;

(d) whether expenditure is being incurred there accordingly;

(e) whether public traffic through this portion is being prevented or right of way obstructed on the road by the planters; and

(f) whether the planters have closed any other pathways opened in the estate at Government cost?